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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** OSI Project on Anti-Plant  
and Anti-Animal Aspects  
of Biological Warfare

1. I have reviewed the draft of 7 June 1954 which proposes to extend subject project with the Department of Agriculture for another year at a cost of \$49,700.
2. Coordination is incomplete. FDD should review the project and indicate that its reservations of 1953 have been adequately taken into consideration. Member agencies of the SEC should be requested to concur in the desirability of continuing this project.
3. I am not satisfied with the control of the project. There is no indication that anyone checks on the output with a view to determining whether its magnitude can be effectively reduced from year to year or not. The budget is approximately the same as it has been for the last two years. Two people on the project have been promoted from GS-7 to GS-9, yet there is no indication that their work is more difficult than it has been in the past. An OSI statement of 5 June 1951 indicated that one of the purposes of this bibliographic project was to cover a backlog of material extending back to 1930. Since no mention is made of a backlog in the instant presentation, I assume that this has been pretty well cleared away. It seems reasonable, therefore, that the amount of money and staff required to keep up with current bibliographic materials might be considerably reduced as the years go by, yet the "Future Requirements" statement indicates that the budget will remain constant except for increases due to general salary increases.

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4. Evaluation of this project to date is inadequate. It should contain more than a mere statement that it has been "highly satisfactory" to date. Written testimony of the users both within and outside the agency should be appended at this stage.

5. I conveyed the above to [REDACTED] He had reviewed the project with the Agriculture people with a view to reducing the budget. He reports little success this year but has given notice that he will not be satisfied if a reduction is not effected next year.

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